

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakotans are living longer and healthier lives; and,

*Whereas*, Older South Dakotans have more choices and options when it comes to the needs of their long-term care and are encouraged to start planning for their future care needs now, allowing them to have peace of mind and financial security as they age; and,

*Whereas*, Planning for future care needs also enables older adults to remain in their own homes and communities while maintaining a healthy, independent and active lifestyle; and,

*Whereas*, The Department of Social Services' Division of Adult Services and Aging proudly offers services ranging from homemaker to nursing services and medication assistance to help older adults remain healthy, active and independent; and,

*Whereas*, It is our obligation to support important measures and support services that ensure older men and women will lead independent, active and fulfilling lives for many years to come:


*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2007 as

## *OLDER AMERICANS MONTH*


in South Dakota, and I urge government officials, business people, community leaders, educators, volunteers and all the people of this state to recognize the contributions older Americans have made, and continue to make, toward the progress and prosperity of our nation.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State